



Inspection Report

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2.31 (c) REPEAT INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(c) IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall:

(1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation;

(2) Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animal study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation; Provided, however, That animal areas containing free-living wild animals in their natural habitat need not be included in such inspection;

(3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility; Provided, however, That the IACUC may determine the best means of conducting evaluations of the research facility's programs and facilities; and Provided, further, That no Committee member wishing to participate in any evaluation conducted under this subpart may be excluded. The IACUC may use subcommittees composed of at least two Committee members and may invite ad hoc consultants to assist in conducting the evaluations, however, the IACUC remains responsible for the evaluations and reports as required by the Act and regulations. The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations and shall be maintained by the research facility and made available to APHIS and to officials of funding Federal agencies for inspection and copying upon request. The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency. Any failure to adhere to the plan and schedule that results in a significant deficiency remaining uncorrected shall be reported in writing within 15 business days by the IACUC, through the Institutional Official, to APHIS and any Federal agency funding

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that activity."

The last two IACUC facility inspections and program reviews were held 9 months apart (6-19-07 and 3-13-08), instead of being held at least once every 6 months as required. The last report to the Institutional Official did not have any signatures besides the chair's. The last two reports did not have correction dates for the items cited, and one item was cited on both reports. There is no follow up documentation of any of the items being corrected. Neither report stated if there were or were not any minority views to the reports. Facility inspections and program reviews need to be conducted at least once every six months and reports containing all the above information written and sent to the Institutional Official.

2.31 (e) (2)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(e)(2) states "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain a rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used."

The master protocol describes the species and approximate numbers of animals to be used, but does not give the rationale for the number of animals. To be corrected by 9-30-08.

2.35 (a) (1)

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 2.35(a)(1) states "The research facility shall maintain the following IACUC records: minutes of IACUC meetings, including records of attendance, activities of the Committee, and Committee deliberations."

The last written IACUC meeting minutes are from a 12-13-06 meeting. Although meetings have been held, there is no written record of them. To be corrected with future meetings.

3.6 (b) (4)

REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.6(b)(4) states "Resting surfaces. Each primary enclosure housing cats must contain a resting surface or surfaces that, in the aggregate, are large enough to hold all the occupants of the primary enclosure at the same time comfortably. The resting surfaces must be elevated, impervious to moisture, and be able to be easily cleaned and sanitized, or easily replaced when soiled or worn. Low resting surfaces that do not allow the space under them to be comfortably occupied by the animal will be counted as part of the floor space."

Although plastic stools were obtained for the cat cages, they are not large enough for the cats to comfortably lie on them. The stools measure 11" X 8.5" and are 7.5" high. The one cat present today is 17" long, so he can only sit on

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the stool. Resting surfaces are to be large enough for the cats to rest on them comfortably.

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